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# DEVERY'S ESTIMATE OF FIRE HORROR KILLED AND INJURED PLACED AT 450!

FIRE SEEN FROM DOME OF THE PULITZER BUILDING.



## DEFAULTER ALVORD IS CAPTURED AT BOSTON.

Special to The Evening World.  
BOSTON, Oct. 28.—Charles Alvord, who robbed the First National Bank of New York of \$100,000, was captured here to-day by Chief Inspector Watts of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and will leave here this evening for New York City.

The defaulter was caught in a lodging-house in the south end of the city, and his captor confidently looks forward to obtaining the \$5,000 reward offered by the bank officials for his apprehension.

It was in a back room on the second floor of a Huntington avenue lodging-house for which he was paying \$6 a week that Alvord was found by the detectives.

The arrest was effected at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and the prisoner was at once taken to Police Headquarters and locked up. He admitted his identity and further said he was willing to return to New York without extradition papers.

The prisoner was not searched in his room, but his room was searched and not one penny of the three-quarters of a million dollars stolen was found.

Alvord arrived in Boston last week and went first to the Hotel Touraine, but did not register. On Wednesday he engaged the room in the lodging-house which is on Huntington avenue, near the corner of West Newton street.

There he went under the name of Mr. "Hollo, Capt. Evans," was the answer to the signal.

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under arrest. Please notify the Superintendent.

This was the first intimation Police Headquarters officials had that the great defaulter of New York bank funds was located in Boston. Five minutes later word came from the Back Bay station that Chief Inspector Watts was on his way to Police Headquarters with the man.

It was on Friday afternoon that Chief Watts learned through a Boston business man whose name he declines to make public at this time, that Alvord was in Boston. This business man said he knew Alvord personally, had met him many times in New York and was positive that he had seen him in Boston that day.

This business man asked the chief inspector to keep his identity as much a secret as possible. He realized, he said, that it was possible for a man to be mistaken in the identity of a person and he did not care to obtain notoriety through a mistake.

## TWO BIG SEARCHLIGHTS TO AID FIREMEN AT WORK.

Fire Chief Croker placed two big searchlights in position at the scene of the Warren street disaster at 3:30 o'clock. Electrical men are at work repairing damage done so that additional electric lights may be swung above the debris.

The walls of the Atlantic Cafe, at the southwest corner of Warren and Greenwich streets, which threatened to fall, were pulled down this evening by firemen.

EVENING WORLD BULLETIN PICTURES AT KEITH'S.

At Keith's Theatre to-night biograph pictures of the Warren street disaster will be shown, and bulletins telling the extent of the loss of life issued by The Evening World, will be read frequently during the evening.

ST. LOUIS RESULTS.

THIRD RACE—Waterford 1, Harry Thompson 2, Greyson 3.  
FOURTH RACE—Alec Turner 1, Go Out 2, Skillman 3.

RESULTS AT LAKESIDE.

FIRST RACE—St. Christopher 1, Dagmar 2, Joe Gore II 3.  
SECOND RACE—Kathleen 1, Rio de Janeiro 2, Zagan 3.  
THIRD RACE—Mohr II 1, Aurora 2, Brooklyn Anderson 3.  
FOURTH RACE—The Duke 1, Ohnet 2, Robert Walter 3.  
FIFTH RACE—Lemmy 1, Fillingborough 2, Norfolk 3.

Smith, of New York.

Chief Inspector Watts and Inspector Morrissey heard several times that a man answering Alvord's description had been seen around town, principally around the Touraine and the new music hall, and they kept a sharp look out for the man.

Having secured a number of clues, they traced Alvord from the Touraine to his lodging-house, where he was arrested soon after he entered the house this afternoon.

When addressed as Mr. Alvord by the detectives, the fugitive smiled. He had a box of cigars in his hand at the time, wrapped up in paper, and several newspapers.

He did not trouble to go into the house, but turned around and accompanied the officers in a carriage to Police Headquarters for examination.

On the way thither the prisoner admitted to the officers that he was the missing New York bank man.

The chief inspector in person made the capture. Three inspectors detailed by him had been tracing Alvord's movements and located him.

When the chief inspector had his man he sounded an alarm on the signal box at the corner of Huntington avenue and West Newton street, which connected with the Back Bay station.

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The most terrific and disastrous explosion ever known in New York took place at 12:18 o'clock this afternoon. Fire started on the third floor of the eight-story building occupied by Tarrant & Co., wholesale druggists, at the northwest corner of Warren and Greenwich streets.

In four minutes the flames had reached the chemicals, and there were two terrific explosions, which blew out the front of the building, closely followed by three others, which completely wrecked it, along with the structures adjoining.

Chief of Police Devery made this statement to an Evening World reporter at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon:

"From information brought to me by the policemen I estimate the number of lives lost at about 150; the number of injured at 300 or over.

"The loss to property, as closely as I can estimate it at this time, is between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000."

There were 100 girls employed by the firm, and at the first alarm they started to flee. Some were caught in the building; others, reaching the street, were overwhelmed by the debris hurled by the explosions or trampled to death in the panic that followed.

In a restaurant adjoining the Tarrant building fully 200 persons were at luncheon. The place was buried under masonry. It is not known how many escaped with their lives.

The force of the explosion was felt for miles. Among the buildings wrecked was the Irving Bank opposite, City Hall Park, which was strewn with debris which was hurled over the tall Broadway buildings, and several persons a half-mile from the scene were injured.

Washington and Warren streets are heaped high with debris, under which, it is thought, many persons have been crushed.

At sundown searchlights were fired up and the search for the dead begun on the outskirts of the fire district.

The walls are still glowing, cherry red, and the work of taking out bodies cannot be started in earnest till to-morrow.

A bureau of information has been started in the Eighth Precinct station-house on Leonard street, near Hudson street.

## SOME OF THE IDENTIFIED VICTIMS.

### THE DEAD.

Hundred and Thirty-ninth street; face cut.

FRANK LONG, 34 Second street, right arm broken.

TONY MASSA, 126 Steuben street; badly cut; head and hands.

CON DONOVAN, 124 York street, Jersey City; badly bruised and cut.

CLARENCE SCANNELL, 215 West Forty-seventh street; scalp wounded.

JOHN L. ALLEN, Sr., Dunton, L. I.; head and face burned.

JOSEPH MARIK, 129 Mott street; burned about hands and face.

DANIEL CARMOODY, 42 Bowery; legs crushed.

JOSEPH FERRIN, 781 Quincy street; Brooklyn; cut on hands and head.

MORTIMER JONES, 130 Church street; burned about head and face.

FRANK LANG, 34 Second street, Jersey City; burned about arms and body.

JOSEPH MILLER, 529 Jersey avenue; cut about head.

ANDREW RICO, 197 Mott street; burned about arms and body.

### THE INJURED.

MADLINE H. WHITE, 77 Bergen street, Brooklyn; face cut.

W. F. CAMPBELL, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn; body and face cut.

JOSEPH WILKINSON, 35 Catherine street; bad scalp wound.

BENJAMIN F. WHALLEY, Elizabeth, N. J.; shoulders cut.

FRED SCHAEFFER, 29 West Sixty-seventh street; neck and hands cut.

BRITENBACH, sixty years old, residence unknown; badly cut and injured internally.

JOHN L. ALLEN, Jamaica, L. I.; shock and bad bruises.

JOHN DUNCAN, waiter in Home-Made Restaurant, 24 Greenwich street; hands and face cut.

HARRY DICKER, 49 Seventh street, Brooklyn; shock and bruise.

MARTIN JOST, 526 Manhattan avenue; head cut.

PETER WILSON, 98 Henry street, Brooklyn; head gashed.

JOHN MEYER, 318 East Ninety-first street; right leg broken.

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HENRY PRKE, Jersey City Heights; hands lacerated.

CHARLES A. AHLER, 190 Park avenue, Brooklyn; head crushed.

JOHN F. EYEVANNE, 42 West Forty-fourth street; shock and bruises.

JOSEPH LIVELLE, Engine Company 23; arms wreathed and head cut.

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